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Dr. Martin B. Biles, Director Division of Operational Safety U.S. Atomic Energy Commission Washington, D.C. 20545

Dear Martin:

Everything seems to be lining up satisfactorily for the Bikini effort. Some materials and equipment have been shipped to Kwajalein already and we expect Frank Cluff, Ed Held, etc., to depart from Honolulu for Kwajalein on May 24 or 25, depending upon the availability of seats on the May 25 airplane.

When you were here the latter part of April, you mentioned a book, "U.S. Naval Administration of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands," by Dorothy E. Richard. Colonel Jones of my office did a little research at the Pearl Harbor Library and found there are actually three volumes on this subject. A summary of the three books is enclosed. I feel sure this information is available in a Naval Library in Washington. If we can supply more information regarding Commander Richard's writings on the Trust Territory, please let me know.

Hope you have not given up the idea of personally visiting Bikini.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure:

Summary As Stated

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"United States Naval Administration of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands" by Dorothy E. Richard, Commander, USN (published by the Office of Naval Operations) is in three (3) volumes. These volumes can be found at the Pearl Harbor Library; Catalogue Number 996R.

Volume I - The Wartime Military Government Period, 1942-1945.

Part I - Planning and Organization

II - Invasion and Occupation

III - Military Government Policy

IV - Military Government in the Field

(Subject Index lists Bikini Atoll, as follows:

law and order; magistrate; occupation of)

Volume II - The Postwar Military Government Era, 1945-1947.

Part I - Immediate Postwar Problems

II - Naval Administration

III - Native Administration

(Subject Index does not list Bikini Atoll.)

Volume III - The Trusteeship Period, 1947-1951.

Part I - Trusteeship

II - Naval Civil Administration

III - Naval Command

IV - Native Administration

V - Social Rehabilitation

VI - Economic Rehabilitation

VII - The Health Program

VIII - The Education Program

IX - Functions of Trusteeship

X - Completion of the Navy Mission

(Chapter XXVI, titled "Relocation of Peoples" describes at length the process of relocating Bikini People.)

(Subject Index lists Bikini Atoll, as follows:

Atom proving ground; board of investigation; description; High Commissioner; removal of people to Rongerik; to Kwajalein; to Kili; study of.)